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USE OF DRONES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) proposes to frame rules and regulations for the use of drones for commercial and civilian purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by DGCA so far in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the said rules and regulations are likely to be framed by DGCA?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) to (c): Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) has potential for large number of civil applications. However, its use besides being a safety issue, also poses security threat. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is yet to publish Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), as far as certification and operation of civil use of UAS is concerned. DGCA has not formulated regulations for using drones/Unmanned Aircraft Systems for civilian use as of now. Till such regulations are formulated, it has issued a public notice available on www.dgca.nic.in wherein, civil use of drone/UAS has been restricted.